Black Money

19. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to a calculation by the RBI, the black money factor in the parallel economy of the country is at least one third of the total gross domestic product at around Rs. 2 lakh crore;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the "hawala" transactions is one of the main factors in the generation of black money; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to curb the hawala trade?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) Enquiries with the RBI have revealed that no such calculation has been made by them.

(c) and (d) Hawala transactions is one of the factors in generation of black money. Various enforcement agencies of the Government such as Enforcement Directorate, DRI, CBI and I.T. Deptt. have been taking appropriate action as per provisions of the law to curb the hawala trade.

Interim relief to Central Government Employees

20. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given Interim Relief to Central Government Employees twice pending the receipt of a report from the Fifth Pay Commission, if so, the details thereof, indicating the amount of interim relief given to the retired as well as working Central Government employees; and

(b) whether it is a fact that this interim relief as well as merger of 100% of DA into pay is not taken into account for the pension purpose and thousands of Central Government employees are facing hardship on this score?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir, The serving Government servants have been sanctioned first instalment of interim relief @ Rs. 100 p.m. w.e.f. 16.9.1993 and second instalment @ 10% of basic pay subject to a minimum of Rs. 100/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.4.95. The pensioners/family pensioners have been sanctioned interim relief of Rs. 50/- p.m. plus interim relief @ 10% of basic pension subject to a minimum of Rs. 50/- p.m. w.e.f. 1.4.95.

(b) Interim relief is allowed as a separate element in addition to pay in case of serving employees and pension in case of retired employees. The question whether this element should or should not form part of pay/pension shall depend on the final recommendations of the Pay Commission. Further, to provide relief to retiring Government servants, dearness allowance linked to average AICPI 1201.66 has been merged with pay for the purpose of gratuity.

विद्युत का उत्पादन और खपत

21. **श्री अनन्तराय देवशंकर दवे:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) देश में, विशेषत: गुजरात में, इस समय कितने मेगावाट विद्युत का उत्पादन होता है और इसकी कुल वार्षिक खपत कितनी है;

(ख) गुजरात सहित देश में राज्य-वार ऐसे संयंत्रों की संख्या कितनी है जहां उनकी अधिष्ठापित क्षमता से अधिक विद्युत उत्पादन हो रहा है;

(ग) क्या प्रमुख उपभोक्ताओं पर विद्युत कर की भारी राशि बकाया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार द्वारा इस बकाया राशि की वसूली के लिए क्या कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?